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SUBJ: EARLY NOVEMBER VISIT OF BANGLADESH FOREIGN MINISTER
TO SAUDI ARABIA

1. IN EARLY NOVEMBER DR. KAMAL HUSSAIN, BANGLADESH FOREIGN MINISTER, SPLIT OFF FROM THE PARTY OF PRIME MINISTER MUJIBUR RALIMAN, THEN TOURING ARAB STATES, AND TRAVELLED TO RIYADH ON NOVEMBER 4 WHERE HE CALLED ON KING FAISAL TO DELIVER A MESSAGE FROM SHEIKH MUJIBUR. HIS VISIT, ASIDE FROM THE CALL ON THE KING, RECEIVED NO PUBLICITY.

2. WE UNDERSTAND THAT HE WAS INTERESTED IN TWO SUBJECTS: ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. THE HEAD OF EASTERN AFFAIRS IN THE FOREIGN MINISTRY AHMED SIRAJ INFORMS US THAT THE SAUDI REPLY ON AID WAS NONCOMMITTAL AND NEGATIVE ON THE SUBJECT OF RECOGNITION. ACCORDING TO SIRAJ, THIS LATTER POSITION WAS DIRECTED BY THE KING HIMSELF WHO BELIEVES THAT SINCE THE POPULATION OF BANGLADESH IS ALMOST COMPLETELY MUSLIM,
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THERE IS NO REASON FOR BANGLADESH TO BE AN OFFICIALLY

SECULAR STATE. HE IS THERE OPPOSED TO THE ESTABLISHMENT
OF RELATIONS UNTIL BANGLADESH OFFICIALLY DECLARES
ITSELF A MUSLIM STATE.
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